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CH 675531. 10-15-1990. Raveh. Describes an instrument for osteosynthesis comprising a perforated plate with convex bone screw heads fitting in tapering holes.

DE19542116 05-15-1997. Brehm. Discloses an arrangement for the attachment of an implant on a bone of the human body.

DE19629011. 01-22-1998. Wolter. Shows a self-locking osteosynthesis device.

DE3301298 . 02-09-1984. Tournier. Discloses a mechanism for joining the bones of fractures.

DE4004941. 08-23-1990. Grosse. Describes a plate secured by screws with special screw thread, for repairing spinal column fracture.

DE4343117C2 discloses a fixation system for bones with a bone plate with at least one through-hole, at least one bone screw, seating surfaces and means for fixing the bone screw at a specific angle to the bone plate.

DE9321544 discloses an osteosynthetic plate with multiple holes for receiving self-cutting bone screws.

EP0451427 discloses an anchoring shaft for a femoral head prosthesis.

WO004836 discloses a fixing device for fastening a fixing element to a base.

WO0036984 discloses a bone fixation system with a linking support with at least one through hole, at least one bone screw, bearing surfaces and means for fixing the bone screw at a specific angle to the linking support.

WO 04/032751. 04-22-2004. Impellizzeri. Describes a self-locking osteosynthesis device.

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Please be advised that the following are related cases which are owned by the same assignee and may have technology relating to this application.

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